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CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH EUROPIAN UNION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement recently with the European Union relating to Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, the salient features of such pact;

(c) whether the pact would encourage more number of flights by various operators from India compared to existing ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)& (b) Yes, sir. India-European Union(EU) Horizontal Agreement(HA)was signed on 28th September, 2008. The HA will bring certain provisions in the bilateral air services agreements between EU member states and India in line with EU law and will restore legal certainty to these bilateral agreements. Most importantly it will remove nationality restrictions in the bilateral air services agreements between EU member states and India and thereby allow any EU airline to operate flights between India and EU member states where it is established and where bilateral agreement/traffic rights exist for such operations.

(c)& (d) The air service operations between India and EU member states will continue to be covered under respective bilateral air services arrangements and the carriers are entitled to operate as per the agreed bilateral traffic rights according to their commercial judgements.